



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

February 27, 1997

Mr. Eli Stanesa
Jervis B. Webb Company
34375 West Twelve Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331-5624

Re: Request for Reassessment of the Jervis B. Webb Company of California
Property at 9301 Rayo Avenue, South Gate, California
EPA ID Number: CAD 008339467

Dear Mr. Stanesa:

EPA is aware that the Jervis B. Webb Company ("Webb") is in the process of trying to sell the property it owns at 9301 Rayo Avenue ("Rayo parcel"). The Rayo parcel, along with the property owned by Webb and located at 5030 Firestone Boulevard ("Firestone parcel"), comprise the property that was the subject of a Preliminary Assessment /Site Inspection conducted by EPA and its contractors. The EPA CERCLIS ID Number for this property is CAD 008339467.

In an effort to facilitate the sale of the Rayo parcel, Webb requested that EPA reassess the Rayo parcel in light of cleanup actions that were recently completed at the Rayo parcel and, if appropriate, remove the site from the active CERCLIS database. On January 16, 1997, Erler & Kalinowski, Inc. ("EKI") submitted a request for reassessment to EPA on behalf of Webb along with documentation regarding the underground storage tank closure activities as well as other general site cleanup work. EPA has reviewed the report submitted by EKI and finds that the work performed in closing the underground tank and in cleaning up the utility trench is satisfactory with respect to the areas of the Rayo parcel addressed by those actions. However, we feel that additional sampling for VOCs should be conducted at both the Rayo and Firestone parcels to address concerns regarding historical solvent usage by Webb.

Pursuant to our review of the Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection and based on our knowledge of historical operations at the Firestone parcel, EPA would require additional sampling for VOCs in the following areas prior to making any determination with respect to removing the site from the active CERCLIS database: 1) sampling at the location of the hazardous waste storage area on the Firestone parcel; 2) sampling beneath the paved area between the Rayo and Firestone buildings where parts cleaning was formerly conducted; and 3) sampling in the drainage

area to the west of the parts cleaning area. Should you decide to undertake this work, we recommend that you submit a sampling plan to EPA and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for our review prior to sampling to avoid unnecessary resampling.

EPA remains committed to working with Webb to identify any environmental work that may need to be completed at the Rayo and Firestone parcels prior to "archiving" or removing this site from the active CERCLIS database. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Steve Simanonok of my staff at (415) 744-2358.

Keith Takata

Handwritten signature of Keith Takata in black ink, followed by a horizontal line.

Director
Superfund Division

cc: Steve Miller, EKI (via fax)